

Fact Sheet

Child Support Enforcement

The purpose of the Child Support Enforcement program is to enhance the well-being of children and reduce the demand on public treasuries by securing financial and medical support from legally responsible parents and encouraging positive relationships between children and their parents.

The Child Support Enforcement Division within the Department of Human Services works with two types of cases:

- **IV-D cases** which stem from referrals from public assistance programs (TANF, foster care and Medical Assistance) or from either custodial or noncustodial parents applying for IV-D services.
- **NonIV-D cases** which stem from court orders where there is no application or referral to the IV-D program or where people choose to close their IV-D case.

Services Provided -

By the eight Regional Child Support Enforcement Units (RCSEUs):

- IV-D cases: Paternity establishment, establishment and enforcement (including issuing income withholding orders and national medical support notices) of child support and medical support orders, review and adjustment of court orders, local locate when customers need to be found, and customer services.
- NonIV-D cases: None

By the Clerks of Court:

- IV-D and NonIV-D cases: Initiate contempt proceedings, enter civil file information into the automated system, and customer services.

By the Child Support Enforcement central office:

- IV-D cases: Manage a number of programs including Federal and State Tax Intercept, State Parent Locate Service, Credit Bureau Reporting, Financial Institution Data Match, Passport Denial, State Directory of New Hires, Central Registry, and Federal Case Registry. Also provide customer services and centralized receipting and distribution of payments including Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).
- NonIV-D cases: Centralized receipting and distribution of payments, issuing income withholding orders, customer services, and EFT.

The court order:

- Is issued by the district court. District court judges or judicial referees may conduct hearings.
- Establishes medical support and the amount of child support due based upon the child support guidelines and the unique fact situations of each case.
- May be amended at the request of either party either through private legal counsel or pro se (self representation).
- Will be reviewed by RCSEUs, in IV-D cases, generally no more frequently than 35 months since the order was entered or last reviewed.
- Is enforced by the courts. Requests for enforcement may come from Clerks of Court, private attorneys, either party or, in IV-D cases, the RCSEUs.
- Is also enforced, in IV-D cases, by the Child Support Enforcement program through a variety of administrative actions.
- Is also enforced, in nonIV-D cases, by the Child Support Enforcement program through administratively issued income withholding orders.

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